

## AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claims 1-8 amended and replaced with claims 1-10]

1. Mixer tap with a vertically movable spout (2) and an adjusting means (4),  
**characterised in that** the spout (2) can be moved from a lowered or a hidden posi-  
5 tion and retracted by means of a piston rod of a hydraulic cylinder (6), the move-  
ments of the piston rod being controlled by the pressure from the water supply, and  
the water supply to the spout (2) is not opened until the piston rod is in its most ex-  
tended, preferably upper most position.
- 10 2. Mixer tap according to claim 1, **characterised in that** a downward movement  
of the piston rod is activated by depressing the end of the spout (2) and releasing a  
snap lock (18).
3. Mixer tap according to claim 1 or 2, **characterised in that** the downward  
15 movement of the piston rod is activated by depressing and keeping the adjusting  
means (4') down until the spout (2) has adopted its lowered position.
4. Mixer tap according to claim 1 or 3, **characterised in that** the upward and  
downward movement of the spout (2) is activated alternately by momentarily de-  
20 pressing adjusting means (4').
5. Mixer tap according to claim 1, **characterised in that** a toothed rack (28) is in-  
serted between the piston rod of the hydraulic cylinder (27) and the spout (22), said  
toothed rack meshing with a gear wheel (29) connected with a second wheel, pref-  
25 erably a gear wheel, driving a belt (30), preferably a toothed belt, connected to the  
spout (22).
6. Mixer tap according to claim 5, **characterised in that** the toothed belt (30)  
communicates with the spout (22) via a slide (31) which may slide along a track  
30 (33).

7. Mixer tap according to claim 5 or 6, **characterised in that** the associated hydraulic control circuit is adapted such that water is not turned on until the spout (22) is in its uppermost position.
- 5 8. Mixer tap according to claim 7, **characterised in that** a slide valve (36) activated by the piston rod is provided to detect when the spout (22) is in its uppermost position.